

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Charles W. Norman

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For: HYBRID OPTICAL RING-MESH PROTECTION IN A COMMUNICATION  
SYSTEM

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**Commissioner for Patents**

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action of September 21, 2006, the applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following response and consideration of the following remarks.